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NOTICE OF MEETING

Bingo Hall Review Committee

Tuesday, 1994 August 23

1:00 o'clock p.m.

Room 233, City Hall

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GOVERNMENT

Stella Glover

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Stella Glover,
Secretary

NOTE:

Your attendance is important. If you are unable to attend, please notify the Committee Secretary at 546-3993 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Please be advised that the Bingo Hall Review Committee will meet at the above noted time and time and location to hear an Application to Relocate New Airport Bingo to 1119 Fennell Avenue East, Hamilton.



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AGENDA:

1. Election of Chairperson

2. City Clerk

Application to Relocate New Airport Bingo to 1119 Fennell Avenue East (attached)

3. Other Business

4. Adjournment

Committee Members are requested to bring to the meeting the material which was previously distributed in this regard.



CITY OF HAMILTON

- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 1994 August 15

REPORT TO: Stella Glover
Secretary, Bingo Hall Review Committee

FROM: Mr. J. J. Schatz
City Clerk

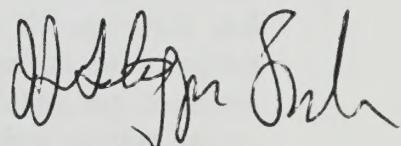
SUBJECT: Application To Relocate New Airport Bingo
To 1119 Fennell Avenue East

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application to relocate the New Airport Bingo to 1119 Fennell Avenue East, Hamilton, be considered.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A



BACKGROUND:

Effective October 27, 1993, the original Provincial moratorium limiting new bingo halls ceased. A new Order-In-Council, revoking the earlier moratorium, has replaced it with a process that will allow the Industry to expand in a controlled environment.

The process requires the approval of the municipal council which must be in accordance with the Criteria and Procedures for Bingo Halls which members of the Committee have previously received. At its meeting held on July 26, 1994, City Council appointed a Bingo Hall Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing and considering all applications for the establishment of new bingo halls and the upgrading or relocating of existing bingo halls in the City of Hamilton for recommendation to City Council.

On July 22, 1994, the above referenced application was received. This application is for the relocation of the New Airport Bingo from 1565 Upper James Street to 1119 Fennell Avenue East.

The Province has established procedures which are based on the following principles in reviewing proposals:

- (1) that there be fair and equal access to the charitable gaming marketplace,
- (2) that charitable organizations have the opportunity to maximize lottery fundraising dollars while recognizing the impact on other charitable organizations currently conducting bingos,
- (3) that decisions respecting new bingo halls be made in the best interests of the local and regional communities where the proposed bingo hall is to be located, and
- (4) that there be public input into the decisions concerning proposed new bingo halls or relocations of existing bingo halls.

The process for the relocation of an existing bingo hall has fewer requirements because the overall number of bingo halls is not affected and commences with Appendix 2 of the Criteria and Procedures for Bingo Halls.

Appendix 2 pertains to the proposal to relocate a bingo hall. The application to relocate the New Airport Bingo to 1119 Fennell Avenue East has been reviewed by staff and fulfils these requirements.

Appendix 3, pertains to the Public Notice requirements. The Committee has the option of requesting a public notice, although this is not required for relocations of bingo halls within the same municipality.

Appendix 4 outlines the steps in the approval process and review as follows: (a) The Committee may hold a Public Meeting to obtain further information from the applicant and members of the public upon which to base their decision; (b) The Committee may require additional information from the applicant to substantiate the proposal or address any concerns of the municipal council; (c) The Committee may request an independent market study. However, as this proposal is for the relocation of an existing bingo hall to a location presently operating as a bingo hall, an independent market study would appear to be unnecessary.

Once a decision has been made to approve or not approve the application, a report must be forwarded to City Council giving reasons for the decision. City Council may place reasonable conditions on its approval as long as such conditions do not contravene Provincial regulations. The final decision must then be forwarded to the Director, the Gaming Services Act, Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

Following City Council's decision, any person who responded in writing to the proposal shall be notified of its decision and informed that the Director may review Council's decision if a request for a review is made within 14 days of the date of City Council's decision. The scope of the review by the Director is limited to consideration of regional concerns associated with the relocation of a bingo hall. Otherwise, the Director shall endorse City Council's decision.



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